

**Good Morning, I'm Arch Richardson from Stewarts Point, 707-785-2687
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My heritage goes back 120+ years, 4 of 6 generations, been involved in the Gen. Merch. Business for 50 years, both in Stewarts Point and Anchor Bay. I was a Commercial Fisherman, a Reserve Dep. Sheriff for 10 years (1976-86), First Pres. of The Sea Ranch VFD, worked with the Dept. of F&G both State and Federal for many years. Have been involved in way to many rescues and body recoveries from our waters.

As a property owner on the Sonoma Coast stewardship is a word which was taught to us as a child, a family tradition. The marine usage of the Richardson lands as well as the Ratcliff and Havens Neck LLC has very little impact on the eco system we are all trying to save and maintain. What all of these ranches harvest from the Pacific in a year would not fill the back of a pickup truck. Pickups are easily filled in other areas in a single minus tide day...Ft. Ross, Salt Point State Park, The Sea Ranch and Stornetta Bros. lands at Point Arena.

Although our lands have no public access from land they are highly used via boat traffic from other areas and are sought after, safe and full of recourses. Who dares walk though a field of Bulls.

"Abalone" is the most sought after resource in our part of the coast, Fort Ross to Point Arena and on to Fort Bragg. (When they do the North coast they will find that Fort Bragg lives and survives on the Abalone revenue) Over 90 % of the abalone take comes from this area. The offshore fishery has very little effect on this coastal area. The loss of this area would produce a great burden on the economics of this part of the coast from the Abalone aspect alone. The protection of the Abalone could also be improved with additional rules, regulations and laws...I have ideas for that too.

I don't envy your job as members of the BRTF & SAT, but also comment you for your time and efforts. I do feel that I could be of assistance to you in completeing this process due to many years and involvement on the coast. I would be willing to donate my time as a Q&A man if you desire. We all care about the Coastal Waters and its resources and can get through this together with positive results for all the resources both Marine and Terrestrial.

There are a few of us that will be attending the dinner tonight if you have further questions. Sorry that none of us will be here tomorrow as we all have important issues pending and jobs.

Thank You and now to Mr. Walter Ratcliff

FORT ROSS TO FORT BRAGG

Economics is based on Abalone to all business and towns

Private lands have not impacted the off shore commercial or recreational fishing

Private lands have protected & managed the take within the marine eco system

Private lands have taken the enforcement pressure off law enforcement agencies and patrol there investment and or heritage

Private lands have less rescues and garbage unlike Parks

Private lands should not be in the same equation as or with economics

Private landowners have not been given a fare seat on the Stakeholders Group

Retired F&G wardens, with there history and problems should have been seated on the Stakeholders group as well

SMR's in front of private lands hurts the sports angler who enters by boats to these "exfacto reserves"

Private lands have something to look at on the beaches: shells, sea life in general

Private lands have "Paid there taxes" over the years to the State of California....State & County Parks DO NOT

Private land owners learn first hand, not out of book

Private land owners and there guests do not pick up seal pups

I personally use big hooks to prevent "by catch"

Private land owners do not fish commercially but basically fish for food